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INCENTIVES TO TRADERS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Union and the State Government in Himachal Pradesh for providing infrastructure support such as establishment of Integrated Cargo Handling and Cold Storage facilities and concessional credit;

(b) the number of meetings of buyer-seller organised in Himachal Pradesh and concessional credit provided for export promotion during last two years; and

(c) the quantum of increase in export of apples and other fruits from Himachal Pradesh in comparison to last year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Under the Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme financial support is provided to State Government for implementing infrastructure projects directly linked to exports. An amount of Rs. 15.50 crores has been released to Himachal Pradesh under the scheme till date. The selection of projects under the ASIDE Scheme in different sectors including Cargo Handling, Cold Storage etc is made by State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary. The details of amount spent by State Governments on establishment of integrated Cargo Handling, Cold Storage facilities etc. is not centrally maintained.

(b) No Buyer-Seller Meeting has been organized in last two years in Himachal Pradesh by the Agricultural and Processedi Food Products Export Development Authority.

(c) The State-wise export figures of fruits are not maintained by the Central Government.